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Dear Chief McCaskill:

RE: TANYA NEPINAK

Thank you for making time to speak with Acting Grand Chief Betsy Kennedy on August 1, 2012, in my absence regarding the investigation of Tanya Nepinak and the concerns raised by her family.

As Acting Grand Chief Kennedy shared with you, the family of Tanya Nepinak came to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) expressing concerns regarding new information about her case, the investigation itself and certain statements to them by Winnipeg Police Service staff.

I wish to confirm the details of your conversation with AMC Acting Grand Chief Kennedy in that you had assured her that your decision as to whether or not the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) will search for the body of Tanya Nepinak at the Brady Road Landfill will not be based on costs as originally indicated by the investigators who spoke to the family. As well I would like to confirm and assure our office that despite WPS member Cheryl Larson having told the family to hold a ceremony at the site and 'move on', she was in no way meaning to be disrespectful.

As Acting Grand Chief Kennedy stated to you, the Nepinak family is not willing to take "no" for an answer as to whether or not a search should be done. AMC will continue to support the family during this critical time as Tanya Nepinak continues to be a First Nations woman who is loved and missed by her family and community. I trust your decision to conduct a search will have this in mind along with the notion that every effort should be made to find her so that her family may have the much needed closure that they have been seeking.

Sincerely,

Derek Nepinak, Grand Chief
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

cc: Chief Betsy Kennedy
Family of Tanya Nepinak